Rec - Octo 8
Ans Oct 10

Washington DC Oct 1. 1855

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 18th ult. to Dr Bigelow and Specimen of engraving with explanations have been shown to Mr Seaman Supt. of Public Printing. He says he can have your illustrations executed in better style on wood which will be coppered by the process of electrotyping before being used. He promises to allow us to examine and correct the drawings upon the blocks and afterward to correct proofs of the engravings. The contract with the engravers will require each plate to be approved by us before it can be accepted. As no arrangement can be made to enable the engraving to be done under your immediate supervision I hope this will prove satisfactory in the end. Then when your orginal drawings have been executed as proposed they must pass through the hands of the Supt of Public Printing to the

engineer selected by him. I will then endeavour to have all the plates & proofs submitted to you for correction and approval or disapproval. ~~Hereafter~~ Be so kind as to transmit the drawings soon as they can be completed.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A. W. Whipple

G. Engelmann, M.D.
St Louis. Mo.

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Rec'd Nov 3d

Washington Oct 27. 1855

Dear Sir

Your note of the
23d inst is just received.
I am obliged for the interest
you manifest in the
drawings referred to and
am sure that Dr Bigelow will
be as well pleased as my-
self to have them rendered
as correct as possible. A
moderate increase of the
expense for this purpose
would ~~probably~~ be allowed. I
shall write Dr Bigelow regarding the
matter. With great respect
Very Truly Yours
A. W. Whipple

Dr Engelmann
St Louis

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Rec'd Feb 19
Ans March 14

Washington

Feb. 12. 1856

Dr. Geo. Engelmann

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 31st ulti has been on hand several days, and this morning I have rec'd the package of drawings referred to. In submitting them to the Supt. of public printing, I append your note; as containing the necessary instructions for the engraver. I hope that

proofs of the engravings will be submitted for your inspection and approval. Mr Lummen has complete control over this matter, but he may deem it good policy to conform to our suggestions. The drawing of the "Opuntia Davisii" is a magnificent specimen of art. I hope to have it engraved on steel.

I regret that the funds of Capt Hutchinson, from the Agricultural

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the P. R. R. Surveys, are so nearly
exhausted. I believe, if Congress
will make an additional
appropriation, your compensation
will be the first item to
be attended to. I have not
yet seen your report; but,
I am sure, you and Dr
Bigelow have accomplished
a great work; which will be
highly creditable to all con-
cerned.

Very respectfully
Your &c &c
A. W. Whipple

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Rec - March 11th

Ans March 14

Washington DC.

March 6. 1856

Dear Sir

I have been desired by

the Sec. to submit an estimate

of the cost of engraving the illustra-

tions of our exploration "in the

best style of art." also the cost

of printing 5000 copies of the same

and the cost of printing 2500

copies." As I know you

feel an interest in this matter

and can probably have your

drawings of cactaceae executed

under your own supervision

better and cheaper than elsewhere

I should be greatly obliged if you will send to me an estimate of the expense. The Secretary has your drawing a few days since and I presume he is desirous of asking an appropriation for engraving and putting under his own direction; so as to secure a proper execution of such elaborate illustrations.

I am Sir

Respectfully & Truly

Yours A. W. Whipple

G. Engelmann

M.D.

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Rec'd March 28
Ans May 29 Washington Mar. 22. 56

Lieut. E. Eng. Emory

Dear Sir

I thank you for your favor of the 14th inst. The information it contains regarding engraving &c I have communicated the Department.

The 1st Vol of the P. R. R. Reports is published and Capt. Humphreys promises to see you supplied with a copy. If Mr Gillis has a copy of his "Expedition to Chili" I know he will send it to you with pleasure. I have sent to him to ascertain. 2 Vols. only

are yet published. I will endeavour to see Capt Marcy soon and find out whether a copy of his report can be obtained. I believe that thousands of copies of valuable public documents are annually sold in this place for waste paper. I have frequently found at the grocers shops documents that had been denied me by members of Congress because, it was pretended, there were not enough to supply their constituents. It is a pity that scientific matter cannot fall into hands where it may be appreciated.

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Nothing is yet decided
regarding the engraving?
your plates when it is
I will inform you

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Received May 31
Ans June 1 1856

Washington D.C.
June 3. 1856

Dr. Engelmann

Dear Sir

Your favor
of the 29th ult is received;
and I am glad to find that
your unpaid labor is nearly closed.
Please ask Mr Roetter to send
a voucher for the $24. due him;
as I have not the money myself,
nor is it in the habit of
other disbursing officers to part
with their money without having
a voucher instead. $49.200.
The appropriation for

ingraving passed through the
Committee of Conference
but it will be expended as
usual, by the Supt of Public
Printing. A clause states, that,
"the work must be executed
to the satisfaction of the Sec
of War." Proposals for contracts
will be issued, I suppose, and
if the artist whose you prefer
will make a fair bid and
you write to A. G. Seaman,
Supt. of Public Printing, stating
that you would like to have
him execute your drawings,
I presume the contract would
be given to him. If this is
your desire and I can aid

in any way, I will do so.

It will give me great pleasure to meet you when you come east. I shall probably pass through Albany, in August, on my way to Buffalo, and may see you there. But you must come to Washington & see that Congress makes an appropriation to enable Capt Humphreys to afford some compensation for the time you have devoted to the Govt. Service. Prof Baird is in the same situation as yourself.

Very Truly & respectfully

Yours

A. A. Humphreys

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Rec'd June 24
Ans 2— 26

Washington June 16, 1856

Dear Sir

In examining the drawings of your Cactaceae I regret to find that many of the plates are larger than the page adopted for the volume. They cannot be clipped without serious injury, and, not knowing how to remedy the fault, I have determined to return them to you that you may decide what is to be done. With them, in the box, is enclosed a plate of the size adopted for other portions of the work. Under the circumstances I think your drawings may occupy more space; but outside of the drawing should be left room for the names and a margin besides. The lithograph sheet enclosed is cut to the full size of the page, as you may perceive by comparing with the copy of the 1st Vol. which was sent to you. This should of course include the drawing & lettering — in conformity with the specimen sent — and at least a narrow margin should be left.

I am sorry to trouble you, but presume

you will prefer to decide yourself how the remedy is to be applied. Please return the drawings as soon as possible that they may be given to the Engraver without delay. Dr Torrey's Artist, Prestella, has been selected, I believe, to execute them, and the proofs will be sent to you for approval.

Enclosed is a voucher-blank- upon which your artist may make out his voucher.

I remain dear Sir

Very respectfully Yours

A. W. Whipple

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Rec'd Aug 4
Ans July 31

Washington D.C.
July 28. 1856

Dear Sir

Yours of the 21st inst
enclosing a voucher from
Wm Rotter was dec'd this
morning. Enclosed you
will please find a check
for $15— the amt of the
voucher. It is on the
Bank of the Metropolis
because the Treasury does
not receive any of less
amt than $20—

I have asked Capt Hum-
phries to conform to your
wishes in regard to the
connection of the proofs
of your drawings. I do
not expect to be there
myself to attend to the
matter but have no doubt
it will be done. I think
the Dept fully appreciates the
merits of your unrequited
services and will be glad
to conform to any plan which
you may propose as expedient.
Soon as the drawings arrive
I will endeavour to have
them placed in the hands

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of the Light & Kubbie Printing
to be engraved; and I hope
that will be executed to
your satisfaction.

For many months I
have heard nothing from
Dr Bigelow. Can it be possible
that he is sick? I have
written frequently and rec.
no reply. The report on
Cactaceae, which I believe
you transmitted to him
several months since,
I have not rec.: I wish
it, because I think the
printer will now truly
go on with the printing of

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the report; and especially
do I desire it now, because
I shall soon leave the City
and wish to have all the
reports entire before going.

If you know any
reason why this report
can not be had
please inform me.

I remain dear Sir
Very respectfully and
Truly Yours &c
A. F. A. Whipple

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Rec'd Oct 8th (Cambridge)
Ans Oct 9th

Washington

Sept 23. 1856

Dear Sir

Upon my return
from the Lakes, among the
letters awaiting me here,
I find two from you;
the former dated Aug 11.
By a note from Dr Bigelow
I learn that your manu-
script has been forwarded
to me through the Bureau
of Top: Engrs - but, I regret

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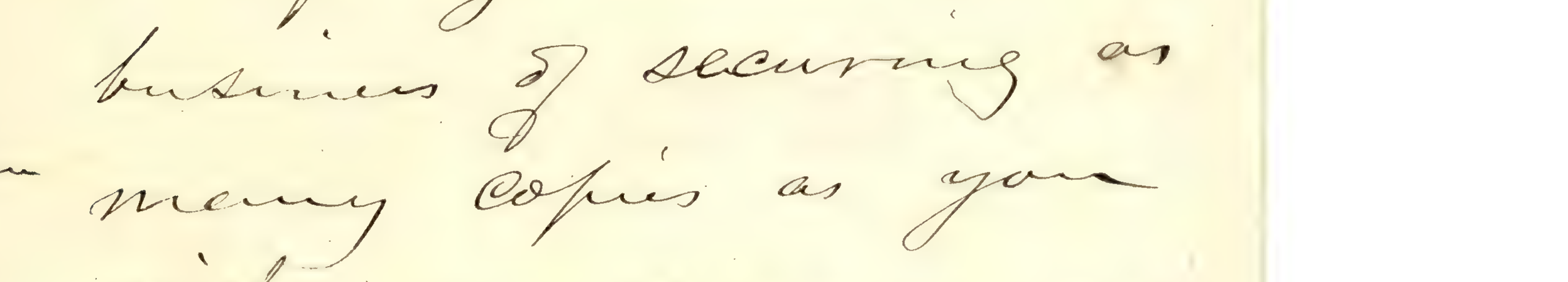
to add, it has not arrived.
I hope no accident has
happened to it on the way.
Your drawings I have
turned over to Mr Seemen.
with your last letter
which contains suggestions
regarding the manner
in which they should be
engraved. They will
be sent to Dr Torrey, I
believe, and probably
he might induce Mr Seemen
to have the two you refer
to ingrossed on steel.

The Printer says
there will be no difficulty
in getting extra copies of
your report at the cost
of paper & press-work. I
will ask Capt Humphreys
if there is money to pay
for them, but I fear there
is not. If I remain
here, as I expect, I will
cheerfully attend to the
business of securing as
many copies as you
wish. Very Truly & Respectfully
Yours &c
Dr. G. Engelmann A. W. Whipple



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Rec'd Cambridge Oct 14th

Washington D.C

Oct 11. 1856

Thanks for

I have just rec'd

yours of the 9th. You

will be glad to learn that

your Mss of Cactaceae

is safe. I found it in

the Office, after a long

search.

I believe that your

drawings are to be executed

by Pretelle. I will try to

see the Superintendent about
them. With him I must
arrange for securing you
200 copies of the plates. The
Painter says he can furnish
you 200 copies of the report
for the cost of paper & pres-
work.

I am glad Prof Gray
is willing to revise the
proof sheets. I think they
will be sent without difficulty.
Please present my compliments to
Prof Gray and say that the Sec.
of War has authorized the payment
of his acct so that I shall be
relieved of it.

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Hoping to have the pleasure
of seeing you when you
come to Washington I remain

Very truly & respt

Yours

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